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Application of: Jintao Liu	Group No.: 3681
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MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Responsive to the official communication of March 22, 2005, Applicant submits the following Motion to Reconsider. It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 08-3460.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under §102 and §103 over the Denis reference, U.S. 6,481,557. Both independent claims recite "...a cam..." and also recite, "...said cam further having a projection...". The Office Action reads the claim limitation "projection" onto the cam portion 15 depicted in the '557 patent in Figs. 3 and 5, among others.

The recited "projection" is defined on page 8, line 14 of the pending specification, and elsewhere. It is depicted at reference numeral 68, most easily seen in this context on Fig. 7 of the present application. The projection is a separate recitation from the "cam,"

which is defined in the specification on page 7, line 16 and elsewhere and depicted in the figures at reference numeral 66. Moreover, the claims further recite that the spring is “disposed between said projection of said cam and said locking element...”. The locking element interacts with the cam, not the projection. Hence, the claim structure requires “cam” and “projection” to be separate limitations.

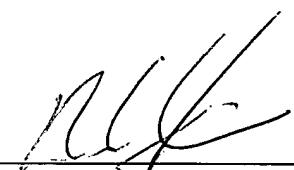
While it may be said that the “cam” (66) limitation of the pending claims may read on the element (15) in the Denis ‘557 reference, the structural limitation “projection” in the pending claims cannot.

There is no “projection” in the Denis reference, or in any other prior art, as that term is defined in the pending application and claims existent. Accordingly, the claims not reading on the Denis reference, the claims are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Denis, alone or in combination with other art.

The claims being allowable the present form without amendment, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the current rejections and allowance of all claims.

Applicant further thanks the Examiner for a courteous, receptive and helpful interview in which the above points were acknowledged.

Respectfully Submitted,



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